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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government are not prepared to place the Inspector's report on the table of the House.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Minister for Local Self Government if similar complaints have been received from any other places. "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot answer that question. "

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know whether the report is favourable to or against the President of the District Board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The report is confidential and I am not prepared to give what is contained in the report. "

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the fact that the district board election was postponed by an order of the Government on account of this complaint,—if it is not confidential—will the hon. the Minister be pleased to say whether the report of the Inspector is favourable or unfavourable ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have stated that I am not prepared to give an answer. "

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that there is a provision in the Local Boards Act itself that it is the concern of the local board primarily and not of the Government to question the matter in a court of law ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government are as well aware of that fact as the hon. Member. "

Policy of nominations to local bodies.

* 735 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why Rao Bahadur T. M. Narasimhachari was renominated as a member of the District Board of Cuddapah and why Mr. V. T. Srinivasa Ayyangar was renominated as a member of the Municipal Council of Vellore ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to follow as a principle the nomination to local bodies of outgoing chairmen of municipal councils and presidents of local boards ?

A.—(a) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. M. Narasimhachari was reappointed as a member of the Cuddapah District Board chiefly in order that the Board might have the advantage of his experience.

No person of the name of V. T. Srinivasa Ayyangar was reappointed to the Vellore Municipal Council.

(b) The Government will consider each case on its merits.

(736 Q.—Please see page 262 infra.)